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Dear Sir:

Please pardon my delay in answering your letter of March 22nd, but I have been a little lost about just what to say. First of all your letter and all suggestions made in it I agree with 100%.

I received your letter the day I returned from the American League meeting in Chicago and my reason for not answering sooner was something that occurred there. The four members of the committee were there, Pompey of New York, Wright of Cleveland, Band of Kansas City and myself, and we took the opportunity to discuss the game. The discussion took place in the presence of Dr. Martin, president of the American League, whereupon Dr. Martin informed the members of the committee present that they had nothing to do with the East-West Game except solving the problem of the players striking.

I was, of course, surprised and set back at this statement from Doctor Martin as I was under the same impression you are, that our duties were to include everything connected with the East-West Game. Is it possible that the minutes of the meeting might clarify matters. Will you, as chairman of the committee, take steps to get this information -- or do you have it? Would it be better for you to get this statement from Dr. Martin himself, or have you heard from the other members of the committee who were present when it was made.

If handling the player situation was the sole job for which the committee was formed I was terribly mis-informed and am quite disappointed. I will appreciate your advice and suggestions, and

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will be glad to meet with the rest any time convenient to all.

I agree with your suggestions for dividing money from the game. I prefer helping old ball players in distress to establishing a home. About the same teams playing in New York a couple of days later, I think during the present emergency the money should be given to some agency like the Red Cross or Army - Navy Relief.

I will be glad to hear from you further and hope we will be able to get an intelligent constructive program underway.

Very truly yours,

ABRAHAM MANLEY